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Huntingdon County Emergency Management Awarded State-of-the-Art Communications Equipment

Washington, D.C. – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that Huntingdon County Emergency Management has been selected to receive a lightweight, battery powered, man-portable communications system through the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP).

“This is great news for the people of Huntingdon,” Shuster said. “This communications system will allow first responders to establish immediate situational awareness in times of emergency which is critical to saving lives. I congratulate the Huntingdon Emergency Management Agency for their selection by Homeland Security.”

The TAC-PAK Huntingdon County Emergency Management will receive can provide an emergency responder with the ability to establish a mobile Emergency Operations Center with the capability to provide Internet connectivity with up to 99 other first responder units. The TAC-PAK is designed to be a self-contained crisis center, complete with a satellite telephone, rugged laptop computer, and a wireless router. It can be deployed anywhere at anytime and is considerably smaller than a command van or bus.

“We are grateful for this supportive award, as we would be unable to bridge this technology gap without assistance under the CEDAP program,” said Adam L. Miller, Director of Emergency Management. “We have many areas where topography and technical limitations currently make

communications very difficult or impossible, and this technology will help us establish a critical link to life-saving information in the field.”

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